



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takayuki NARITA, et al.

Serial No: 09/931,651

Filed: August 15, 2001

BEARING MEMBER AND METHOD

FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AND DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING

DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time extending to February 2, 2004, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003. A check for \$110 is enclosed. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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